<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1 - 16 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 17 and 19 have been amended. Claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, 20 and 21 have been canceled.

Appreciation is expressed for the telephonic interview between Stephen A. Terrilc, Applicants' attorney, and Examiner Antony Nguyen-Ba conducted on February 8, 2006. During the interview Examiner Nguyen-Ba suggested certain claim amendments which would place the application in condition for allowance. Examiner Nguyen-Ba also requested a copy of the Terminal Disclaimer referenced in the Response filed on June 13, 2005 be retransmitted. It was agreed that a Supplemental Amendment incorporating the claim amendments suggested by Examiner Nguyen-Ba would be filed along with the retransmittal of the Terminal Disclaimer.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 01-0365.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being emailed to the Examiner and deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on v 8, 2006.

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